



RAMSEY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
UPON THE
SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR 1964.



R A M S E Y U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L

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AS AT 31.12.64.

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THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT
TO THE PRESENT TIME
BY
JOHN HUTCHINGS
OF THE BOSTON BAR
IN TWO VOLUMES
VOL. I.

LONDON:
Printed by J. B. BARNES,
STATIONERS' HALL, LANE.
1825.

Madam Chairman, Mrs. Hertzog, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my seventh Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year ending 31st December 1964.

The District is almost entirely devoted to agriculture, the town acting as a centre for the outlying areas, the chief of these being Ramsey St. Mary's, Mereside, Forty Foot and the Heights. The agricultural land consists largely of Fens, which were reclaimed several hundred years ago. It is extremely flat and is drained by dykes, there being several pumping stations in the area.

The mid-year population was estimated as being 5770 a gain during the year of forty persons.

There were 124 live births, giving a crude birth rate of 21.5 per thousand population, when adjusted the rate becomes 21.3 per thousand, which is well above the national rate of 18.4.

Sixty four deaths occurred during the year, giving a crude rate of 11.1 per thousand. After adjustment this becomes 12.2 per thousand, which is slightly above the national rate of 11.3.

I am glad to be able to report that there were no deaths of infants under one year of age during the year. The last year in which this occurred was 1945.

I regret to report that there were during the year seven deaths due to cancer of the lung or bronchus. This is the highest number which has occurred during the past fifteen years, since records were kept in their present form.

The connection between cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung has now been proved beyond all doubt, and I appeal to all smokers to seriously consider their smoking habits, and if possible to break the habit completely. If they can not do this it is safer to change to smoking a pipe.

There was a severe epidemic of Measles in June and July, 230 children being affected. Half of these were in the five to ten year group, and the others were nearly all younger than this.

Nine cases of Whooping Cough occurred during the year.

Good progress was again made in the vacation and demolition of unfit property, twenty four unfit cottages being vacated during the year.

The scheme to sewer the outlying villages is still in progress, and I recommend that this should now be pressed forward as quickly as possible as it is most essential.

Provision must also be made for the group of Council Houses which will still be outside the sewerage area, and which at present have no adequate drainage at all.

Meat inspection again increased during the year, 23,054 pigs being examined. In September the Council appointed a Surveyor who is also a qualified meat inspector, and who has been able to share the week-end inspections

In concluding, I wish to thank the Members of the Council, and their Officers and Staff for the help which they have given me during the year.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
DIVISION OF THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
JANUARY 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, DIVISION OF THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES

FROM: [Illegible Name]
SUBJECT: [Illegible Subject]
[Illegible text follows, appearing to be a list of items or a summary of a report.]

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.1
Still-births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.9
Total live and still-births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
Infant deaths under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Infant Mortality Rates									
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)									
Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.1
Deaths from Cancer (total)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Cancer of Lung or Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Coronary disease angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total Number of Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64

Table showing Infant Deaths and the Mortality Rate over Six Years

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Actual Number of Deaths	4	2	3	3	3	Nil
Rates all infants per 1,000 Live Births	36.7	16.1	28.9	28.9	28.6	Nil

Appendix

No.	Name	Address	Remarks
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Comparison of Rates with those of England and Wales

Per 1000 Population					Per 1000 Live births	Per 1000 total Births
	Live Birth Rate	Adjusted Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Adjusted Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Still Births Rate
Ramsey U.D.	21.5	21.3	11.1	12.2	Nil	15.9
England & Wales	-	18.4	-	11.3	20	16.3

Comparability Factor Births .99

Comparability Factor Deaths 1.10

The comparability factors are figures by which the crude birth and death rates need to be multiplied so as to find the adjusted rates. The adjusted rates are then comparable with the rates for England and Wales or the adjusted rates of any other place in the Country. The Registrar General calculates the factors from the information available to him concerning amongst other things the age and sex structure of the population.

TUBERCULOSIS

ONLY THE RELEVANT PART OF THE TABLE IS SHOWN

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE,

January 1, 1880.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

APRIL 1, 1879.

ALBANY:

WILLIAM H. BROWN, PRINTERS.

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The following table shows the classification of deaths from all causes, Registrar General's figures.

<u>Causes of Death</u>							M.	F.	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	11
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
25.	Other disease of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	-	2	2
33.	Motor Vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	-	3
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
36.	Homicide and operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
Total Deaths							43	21	64

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1964.

DISEASE	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 & upwards	Cases admitted to Hosp.	Total Deaths.
Erysipelas	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Smallpox	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diphtheria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	230	4	25	27	25	39	100	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	9	1	2	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Philip V. Cant.

Medical Officer of Health.

New Health Clinic,
Whittlesey Road,
Stanground.

Phone : Peterborough 68010.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1964.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Sir,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1964

Housing :

Informal action has again been successful in securing the abatement of nuisances and in no case was the issue of a statutory notice necessary.

Although no new council houses were completed during the year, good progress has been made with the first five year slum clearance programme. Twenty four unfit cottages were vacated during the year, either by closing orders, demolition orders or undertakings not to relet for human habitation being given by the owners. Sixty three persons were rehoused from these twenty four dwellings. Twenty unfit cottages were demolished during the year.

There is no known statutory overcrowding, although there are cases where families are living in overcrowded conditions.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Acts )	...	...	...	...	65
Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	10
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	182
Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	3

Action under Statutory Powers :

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of separate tenements in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of families displaced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Number of houses demolished by agreement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

New Housing :

There were 152 active applicants on the list for Council Houses at the end of the year, 39 families having been found accommodation. Work has been commenced on a small estate of 20 units; 12 one bed-roomed flats and 8 two bed-roomed houses. Delays on this site have occurred due to a shortage of bricks and difficulties with the foundations.

There were 38 houses erected by private enterprise.

Improvement Grants :

The Council approved 3 applications for discretionary improvement grants and 14 applications for standard grants.

Work of improvement on 18 houses was carried out

No applications for certificates of disrepair were received during the year.

Nuisances :

Abated as a result of informal action	...	...	...	...	...	16		
Analysis of complaints received :-	...	...	...	..	Total	22		
Premises	...	...	...	3	Accumulation of Refuse	...	...	2
Drains	2	Disinfestation	1
Overflowing Cesspools	...	8	Animals	2	
Miscellaneous	4					

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Inspections and Visits :

Housing Waiting List	219
Public Health Acts	22
Housing Acts	111
Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	715
Food & Drugs Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	141
Refuse Collection & Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	315
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Petrol Storage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Sewerage & Drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Keeping of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Infestation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24

Totals. 1903Closets :

Number of houses at the end of the year with W.C.'s	...	...	...	1678
Number of houses at the end of the year with Pail Closets	...	...	...	275
Number of houses at the end of the year with Privy Vaults	...	...	...	NIL
Number of W.C.'s constructed during the year for new houses	...	...	...	38
Number of W.C.'s constructed during the year for old property	...	...	...	18

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal :

Forty six new drainage systems were installed and tested during the year 10 alterations to existing systems were also tested.

The Council give a free cesspool / septic tank emptying service where necessary, 153 cesspools / septic tanks being emptied this year.

There are still 275 Pail Closets in the outlying areas, 260 of which are emptied weekly by a contractor. Fifteen pail closets are in remote cottages and are emptied by the occupiers.

A scheme to sewer the four outlying villages of Ramsey Heights, Ramsey st. Mary's Mereside and Forty Foot Bridge is being prepared for submission to the Ministry. There are, however, four or five groups of council houses outside the proposed sewerage scheme that have no waste or soil water drainage facilities. It is now time that the Council seriously considered providing some facilities for these dwellings.

Water Supply :

Water samples are taken periodically and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Peterborough. 16 samples were taken during the year and only 2 samples were below standard.

The water contains less than 0.2 parts per million of fluorine.

There are 8 houses without a mains water supply and most of these are in the Council's five year slum clearance programme

Swimming Baths :

There is an outdoor swimming pool at the Secondary Modern School and an indoor learners' pool at the Town C.P. School. The Secondary Modern School Pool has continuous filtration and chlorination, which is working satisfactorily.

Three samples were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, one being unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactory sample was taken from the learner's pool which now has a filtration and chlorination plant installed.

Meat and Food Inspection :

The privately owned slaughterhouse is operating satisfactorily, although the hours of slaughtering necessitate a considerable amount of evening and weekend work. The slaughterhouse has been kept in a good state of repair and operated on hygienic lines.

RECEIVED

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, very obediently,
J. M. Smith

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(Meat and Food Inspection continued)

100% meat inspection has been carried out, although not completely in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963. Relief inspectors from St. Ives R.D.C. carried out the meat inspection when I was on holiday during the first half of the year. In September the Council appointed a Surveyor who was also a qualified meat inspector who has shared week-end inspections.

The following table shows the results of the meat inspection service:-

Number of slaughterhouses on register	...	...	...	...	1
Number of visits for meat inspection	...	...	...	...	715

Carcases inspected and condemned :

	<u>Cattle excluding cows</u>	<u>Cows.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs.</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
Number inspected	197	1	32	397	23,054
All diseases except tuberculosis:-					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	-	-	-	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	1	1,383
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	5.58	-	-	0.26	5.99

Tuberculosis only:-

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	179
Percentage of the number inspected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.78
Total weight of carcase meat condemned ... ..	...	...	...	...	1386 lbs.
Total estimated weight of offal condemned	...	...	...	...	5825 lbs.
Total weight of other food condemned	18 lbs.

No cases of cysticercosis were found during the year.

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Food Premises :

1. The number of food premises in the area by type of business are as follows:-

Butchers shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Grocers & General Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fish Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cafes, Restaurants, Hotels	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
School Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>53</u>

2. Number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 27

3. Number of inspections of registered food premises 23

4. There has not been a food hygiene education course during the year. Proprietors are aware of the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations and they have all been circulated with a synopsis of the regulations. All food premises were inspected during the year and the requirements needed to comply with the regulations notified to the shopkeeper. The following works were completed following informal action :-

Premises provided with hot running water supply	...	1
Premises provided with food protection screens	...	1
Premises provided with additional sanitary accommodation	...	1
Premises provided with "Now Wash Your Hands" notices	...	2
Premises provided with wash hand basins	...	1
Premises provided with wash-up sinks	...	1
Premises provided with additional dustbins	...	2
Premises repaired (walls, floors, ceilings etc.)	...	1
Premises redecorated	...	4

20/10/1911

Received from the Hon. the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, the sum of £1000

for the purchase of the following books

1. The History of the British Navy, by Sir John Jellicoe, 10 vols.

2. The Naval History of Great Britain, by Sir John Jellicoe, 10 vols.

3. The Naval History of Great Britain, by Sir John Jellicoe, 10 vols.

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(Food Premises continued)

5. Condemned food is buried at the tip
6. Usually small quantities of food are examined, and the lot condemned.
7. There are no Ice Cream manufacturers in the area, it is all pre-packed.
8. There have been no prosecutions under the Food Hygiene Regulations during the year.

Factories Act 1961 :

Total number of factories (including bakehouses)	...	...	...	...	20
Number of visits during the year	...	...	...	...	3
Number of defects remedied	...	...	...	...	NIL

Refuse Collection :

Refuse is collected by direct labour and disposal is by controlled tipping at Brick Kilns Farm. The Council have acquired a twelve acre site for future tipping at Ramsey Heights. The land is the site of a disused brickworks and derelict at present although there are six old cottages at the roadside part of the site. All six cottages are unfit and three have been vacated during the year.

The collection service is carried out by two driver/loaders and one loader using a fore and aft Carrier twelve cu. yards machine which is nearing the end of its economic life. There is one tipman employed almost full-time at Brick Kilns Farm.

Moveable Dwellings :

There are 6 single van sites and one 12 van site licenced in the district. 2 sites were cleared during the year and one additional single site licence granted.

Rodent Control :

A rodent control service is provided for private and business premises in the area under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. Farm premises are also treated on request and the cost recovered on a time and materials basis.

London, 1st January 1851

My dear Mr. Taylor

I have just received your letter of the 28th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am at present in the country and cannot write more than a few lines at present.

Yours truly

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(Rodent Control continued)

The rodent operator carried out the following inspections and treatments:-

	<u>Properties</u> <u>Inspected</u>	<u>Rat</u> <u>Infested.</u>	<u>Mice</u> <u>Infested</u>	<u>Treated</u>
Houses	81	32	4	36
Business premises	12	7	1	8
Agricultural premises	49	21	0	21
Local Authority	12	10	2	12
Totals	<u>154</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>77</u>

Regular test baiting of the sewerage system is carried out, but only minor rat infestations were found and treated.

In addition, 13 houses were treated for ants, 4 houses for wasps nests, 2 houses for bees nests and 1 house disinfested for bugs. Three mole and one rabbit infestation were also treated.

General :

Due to the increased throughput at the slaughterhouse and the more detailed inspection procedure carried out less time has been available for routine inspections under the Food Hygiene Regulations, Factories Acts and Shops Acts

Week-end meat inspection is very trying especially to small authorities where only one or two inspectors are employed.

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